



# Area 25 Kansas GRAPEFREE PRESS

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## Delegate

Greetings Area 25,

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

I hope you enjoyed the article Gratitude Month and the Birthday Plan in the fall edition of Box 459 as much as I did. The reference to the 1956 Kansas State Conference in Great Bend was cool. It reminded me of the work we did on the Archives committee at the General Service Conference in New York this past spring and the importance of keeping our Archives up to date with Group, District, and Area histories.

I have been busy since our July Assembly traveling to Wichita, Ulysses, and Leavenworth giving my report on the General Service Conference. It is always a pleasure meeting members of the fellowship in their own locations seeing and experiencing their challenges of caring the message.

In addition to the afore noted events I will also be attending the Kansas State Conference in Wichita in September, the Committee meetings in Salina, SWRAASA in Arkansas in October, and the Inter Group Central office seminar in Kansas City in November.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

**Sue C. N.**

Area 25 Delegate - Panel 66

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## Area Chair

Greetings Area 25 Members,

It was great seeing everyone in July at Assembly. I was pleased with the work accomplished during Assembly. The voting members worked together to meet the needs of our area and its members.

We had a great speaker Saturday. Don M., Past General Service Board Trustee spoke on concepts 3, 4, and 5 as well as shared his story Saturday night. We also had four guests from Area 39 join us to see how our area operates; Their Chair, Carl C., and his wife Grace, along with their Alt. Chair, Pam K., and Archivist, Cheri J.

Octobers Committee Meetings will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Note: The Board is currently working on a Board Inventory and will be sharing it with the Area members from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Agenda is posted on the Website.

I had the pleasure of attending the Southwest Regional



**Area Committee Meeting October 14-15, 2016**

**Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford Street**

**Salina, KS 67401 (785) 825-2111**



### **Preamble**

Service shall be Area 25's primary purpose. All Area 25 activities will be aimed at assisting Kansas A.A. groups to function more effectively. Area 25 will also try to insure that the Area's group conscience is conveyed through the general service structure to the General Service Conference, to help the Conference fulfill its primary purpose of acting as the "true voice" of A.A. Area 25 shall encourage all Kansas A.A. groups to support the Area in its efforts to carry out this goal.

Forum, and Area 39's Assembly in June. I will also be attending SWRAASA in Rogers Arkansas October 21st thru 23rd. Some of your Area Chairs will also be attending SWRAASA. We look forward to sharing our experience with you. When our members attend these events, exchanging ideas, knowledge, and experience it allows our area and other areas the ability to continue to grow and meet the needs of our members.

We have had changes in our structure this year and your Chairs and members have embraced these changes to ensure we continue to meet our member's needs. I will continue to strive to do my best in facilitating these changes and needs for both the area and its members as changes and growth meet us.

Yours in love and service,

**Sheri P.**

Area 25 Chair

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## Alternate Delegate

SWRAASA!! Oct. 21-23, 2016, at the Embassy Suites in Rogers, Arkansas. Dick R. Dist. 19 Archivist, will be leading a workshop on Archives at this event, and Rosa M. will be heading up a workshop on Language & Cultural Barriers. Our delegate will give a presentation on "Participation: The Key to Recovery." I know you'll want to come for these, and Area 4 (Ark) is going all out to make this a great SWRAASA. Registration flyers and info about hotel reservations is on the Area 25 Website – look on the Calendar for Oct.

The Additional Forum in Colorado was in June – four of us from Kansas made it out there. As always, I was impressed with the staff from GSO, and the Trustees. I don't have an exact count, but it seemed about half of the 600 people there were first time attenders, which is great. The next SW Regional Forum will be Oct. 20-22 in San Antonio, Texas. Watch the AA website after Jan. 1 for registration information (it's free!)

About the time this issue of ol' Press comes out, we'll be gathering in Wichita for the State Conference. It's been a lot of fun, as well as a privilege, to work closely with Joe, Justin, Josh, Laura, Ken, Loren, Rosa, Juacquina,

Raechelle, Jamie, Sheri, Teresa, Dick, Peter, Michele, Rich, Heather, Cam, Rachel, Darin, Doyle, Rick, Larry, & Carlos, and golly, who am I leaving out!?! A great crew; if enthusiasm and willingness to sacrifice are any prediction of a successful conference, this will be a winner.

Thank you for letting me serve Area 25!

**David R.**

Area 25 Alt. Delegate - Panel 66

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## Correctional Facility

We had 24 members in attendance at our Corrections Committee meeting during the July Assembly. Our main focus at this meeting was to hear proposals to host the 2017 Area Corrections Conference. We had two excellent proposals; one from District 5 in Salina and another from District 23 in Lawrence. After a tie vote that had to be broken by the chair, District 23's proposal was accepted. The 2017 Area Corrections conference will be held in Lawrence, Ks. on March 18, 2017, with more information to follow. This will be one you will not want to miss!

Thank you all for your Yellow Can Fund contributions from throughout the Area. Please let the members of your home group know that the inmates of the jails and prisons in Kansas appreciate the books provided at no cost to them. This program is definitely "carrying the message" to members who are incarcerated.

*Send Yellow Can contributions to :* Yellow Can Fund, P.O. Box 28, Valley Center, KS 67147

*Order books:* [lennyewell@att.net](mailto:lennyewell@att.net), or send to Lenny Ewell, 4130 SE 42nd Court, Topeka KS 66609

*Contact for Prerelease and Correspondence:* P.O. Box 193, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

**Lenny E.**

Area 25 Correctional Facility Chair

corrections@ks-aa.org



Go to a Meeting

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## Area Conference

Hello Kansas Alcoholics Anonymous,

This is an update on the State Conference. We have over 300 registered, which is about where we were last year at this time. I'm sure we reached our hundred room block per night.

Thank you for your support, please keep up the good work. Look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Love you,

**Joe C.**

Area 25 Conference Chair

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## CPC

Greetings Area #25

It was great seeing everyone at the July Assembly in Salina. There were twelve in attendance at the CPC workshop. All in attendance shared what was going on in their Districts and Groups pertaining to CPC. District #19 has sent out letters to all Health Care schools stating what offer to Health Care students. They have not had any replies but are still planting seeds. District #19 will be attending the Kansas State School of Nurses Conference. The Committee has put together a special packet of information for that event. District #16 has taken the poster (CAN YOU SPOT THE ALCOHOLIC) to Grade Schools and Middle Schools Administration and Student Counselors. All in attendance were familiar with the Blue cards that are designed for Professionals so they are able to receive information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

We had a great deal of discussion about a proposed upcoming project to possibly bring in a couple of professionals (Judges, Doctors, Health Care Workers, etc.) to have a panel discussion at either an Area Assembly or at a Committee meeting to get a better understanding of what they are seeing on the front lines of Alcoholism. I hope to see everyone at to the State Convention and SWRAASA.

Respectfully

**Galen E.**

Area 25 CPC Chair

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## Public Information

Greetings from Area 25,

We are getting teased with some cooler temperatures which reminds me summer is coming to an end and that the State Conference is around the corner.

The meeting at the assembly was attended by six people from five districts. It was reported at the General Service Conference that an advisory action on using actors and showing their faces in PSA's needed no changes. They will continue using actors. They discussed changing some language in literature for the medical community.

We discussed that using the public information kit and resources found on the GSO website could help groups and districts carry the message to the public. We talked about forming committees locally to have a group conscience on how to proceed on approaching hospitals, hotels, courts, clergy, school districts, and places of employment. I have been told if you're having problems with meeting attendance see how your PI is working in your community.

I have been taking my displays to Round Robins and other AA events. If you want me to bring my display or have a workshop, please contact me at [publicinformation@ks-aa.org](mailto:publicinformation@ks-aa.org) or on my cell 620-353-3672. I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Conference.

Love and Service,

**Jeff D.**

Area 25 Public Information Chair

[publicinformation@ks-aa.org](mailto:publicinformation@ks-aa.org)

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## Chronicler

I don't have much to report, hope everyone is having a great day! The Display was at the Round Robin on 8-14-16, also a copy of group history form was sent to Liz M. Looking forward to a great time at State Conference and SWRAASA! !

Thank you for letting me serve!

### **Rosa M. S.**

Area 25 Chronicler Chair  
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## Registrar

Greetings from your Area Registrar,

Well, the third quarter is moving fast. I received many updates at the Assembly. Thank you so much. I should be complete with those inputs and the ones I've since received within the next few weeks.

The office phone has been installed successfully in my home.

I am continuing to reconcile our Area Roster with the databases at GSO. This is an area of work I truly enjoy. We have 342 active groups in Kansas Area 25. 20 are listed as Corrections groups, 25 are Hispanic groups and 297 are English speaking groups. There is currently 1 new pending active group. That process takes around 30 days. Soon they will get their AA Group Number and officially become part of AA as a whole. We also have 31 groups with a status of Unknown. These groups have no primary contact to receive mail from GSO. I will continue to work toward establishing a contact or marking the group as Inactive.

Thank you so much for allowing me the privilege of serving Area 25,

### **Nancy B.**

Area 25 Registrar  
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## Grapevine

Hello everyone in Area 25.

We had a great meeting at the Assembly with 5 in attendance. I opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. Then I talked about what's going on with Grapevine and LaVina. I've been using the Quote of the Day a lot. If you haven't signed up for it, please do. It will kick your day! I'm getting the Grapevine in print and electronically. Great for meetings and history. I then opened to see what's going on in other districts. Dist 27 LaVina chair has a new display and is taking it around and selling subscriptions. They are also buying GV books. Dist 10 uses the purple can to buy subscriptions for the newcomer. Dist 10 buys subscriptions for detox and 1 year birthdays. Dist 23 takes old issues to the women's treatment center. Dist 19 is getting subscriptions for 1 year B-days. Remember to send your stories in to Grapevine.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

### **Tom L.**

Area 25 Grapevine Chair  
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## Special Needs

Greetings Area 25,

It was great to see everyone at the July Assembly. Thank you to those who participated in the Special Needs Committee. We had nine members in attendance representing five districts. As a committee, we decided to focus primarily on how we can make Alcoholics Anonymous accessible to those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. We discussed the resources currently available and how we can most efficiently utilize these resources. We are working towards having closed captioning available at the State Conference in September. We will continue to explore our options to make AA meetings and conferences more accessible. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Service,

**Anissa P.**

Area 25 Special Needs Chair  
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## Literature

Greetings Area 25.

Once again I had the awesome privilege of serving at the Area Assembly. I continue to make new friends, and love just being a part of something way bigger than me. The atmosphere and emotions of the assembly make it such a joy and exciting opportunity to serve. It is much more fun than work. It is truly a rewarding experience, I hope everyone has the chance to be involved.

At the Literature committee there were 12 in attendance. Districts 3,5,10,19,23,26, and the Missouri Alternate Chair all participated in the discussion.

Literature continues to be taken into jails, libraries including high schools, middle schools and colleges. Districts' are putting it in treatment centers, halfway, homes and juvenile centers. It also being used for newcomer packets. Book fares are another area where literature is being made available. Some groups are using pamphlets for discussion topics, there are many to choose

from. Literature continues to be a vital part of AA and will be for years to come.

GSO continues to encourage Literature Chairs at all levels of service to order from their local intergroup or central office whenever possible. Otherwise you can go to **AA.org** or directly to **AAWS online store**. It is very easy to order literature this way and my experience is it arrives within a week.

I would like to encourage all groups to order **Box 459**. It has news and notes from GSO, sharing and fellowship from around the world, and a bulletin board of AA events. One year subscription is \$3.50, or bulk 10 for \$6.00, very affordable. Also **the 75th Anniversary edition Big Book is still available**.

The voting and the business of the assembly was very informative and very uncontroversial, we actually finished on time. *Whoo hoo!*

One final thought, I personally would like thank the Area for approving the reimbursement for travel expenses to and from AA related events. I think it will provide more opportunity for Area Chairs to participate and be better informed. I hope, God willing I get to experience events to help me serve the Area better.

Love and Service,

**Pat W.**

Area 25 Literature Chair  
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## Treatment

Hello Area 25 from the Treatment Committee!

We had a great committee meeting at the July Area Assembly with 12 people in attendance from 7 different districts. We talked about what was going on with the Treatment Committees across the state. One district was just getting the Treatment Committee started up again after a long absence and is implementing a central email contact point for patients coming out of Treatment Centers. Being a small district this was a great alternative to a hotline and easy to put into practice by just sharing an email address with the facilities and the patients.

We talked about the Bridge the Gap program and shared some successes as well as some frustrations with trying to put this into practice. A couple of districts are very organized and having good success matching up temporary contacts with patients coming out of treatment facilities and seeing some of them stick around and stay sober! Another district has a local central office who holds on to the temporary contact list so patients are directed to call them for information. This way the contact point is at a central location that doesn't change every two years like the committee chairs tend to rotate. Although this helps to have a consistent central location to keep the temporary contact list, it can still be frustrating trying to get the information into the hands of the patients.

We are guests when we take meetings into treatment facilities and we must rely on their cooperation to distribute the information if we are not allowed to hand it to the patients directly ourselves. Also, it is up to the patient to ask for help and request a temporary contact and that part is completely out of our hands as well.

I am excited to learn more about this program in a few weeks when I attend the National Bridge the Gap Workshop Weekend in Tucson, AZ and look forward to sharing what I learn at the Committee Meetings in October!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 25.

**Janet B.**

Area 25 Treatment Chair  
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Wichita Spring Roundup 2017  
March 24-25, 2017  
Church of the Magelen  
12626 N. 21st Street  
Wichita, KS 67206  
Springroundupwichita@gmail.com

## Grapefree Press

Greetings Area 25

As this edition of the newsletter goes to "print," I would like to take a moment to say "Thank You" for allowing me the privilege of being of service to the Area by helping to "carry the message."

A very good question was posed during the committee break out session this past Area assembly: "What is the Grapefree Press?" I think its original intent was to provide an open forum for AA members in Kansas to share their experiences, their ideas, and their activities with others, thus strengthening the bonds of fellowship and promoting greater unity within the Area. So I would like to ask that each group elect a GFP representative that would serve to share their groups' activities in order that others can learn from each others service experiences. Another purpose of the newsletter is to keep Kansas members informed of the Assembly and Area Committees' activities.

It is my hope that this newsletter will serve as an open forum where members' opinions can be expressed, and questions can be presented. I would encourage the members to write to the GFP. Your letters will be published and your questions answered.

I'm asking for your help to make the GFP a valuable tool it can be to our fellowship.

Yours in love and service,

**Remi K.**

Area 25 GFP Chair  
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# SWRAASA

Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

**October 21-23, 2016**



*"Service, a Labor of Love"*

www.SWRAASA2016.org

**HOST:**  
**Area 4 - Arkansas**

**Location:**

**EMBASSY SUITES Northwest Arkansas - Hotel, Spa & Convention Center**  
**3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, Arkansas, 72758**

**Room Rates/ Hotel Reservations/ Group Code:**

Room Rate: \$99.00 + tax/ Per Night (Group Code:SWRAASA 2016)

**(479) 254-8400**

**\*Hotel reservations may be made After 10/21/2015**

**Questions? E-mail us: [SWRAASA2016@arkansasaa.org](mailto:SWRAASA2016@arkansasaa.org)**



**Registration Form**

Registration Fee \$10.00 Each  
Online Registration Available

**SWRAASA 2016**

AREA 4 - ARKANSAS

*"Service, a Labor of Love"*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your final report?

E-mail       U.S. Mail

Please send registration form and check to:

SWRAASA 2016 Treasurer, PO Box 9167  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71910

# Simply AA 13th Annual Big Book Study Pratt, Kansas



Simply AA is honored to present  
**Caroline M. & Cindy M.**  
From Dallas, Texas

Nov. 4-6, 2016

Pratt, Ks.

## Where: Pratt, KS

Pratt Community Center  
619 N. Main

## Hotel Rooms

Hampton Inn, 620-508-6499  
75.00 for King  
75.00 for Double Queen  
Prices locked in till Oct. 15, 2015

Be sure to mention you are with the  
**Big Book Weekend** for discount rate

## Registration:

**\$15.00 early reg.** \$20.00 at the door. Includes a meal Sat. night

**Fri.:** Doors open at 6 pm start at 7 pm

**Sat.:** Doors open at 8 am start at 9 am

**Sunday:** Doors open at 8 am start at 9 am done by noon.

**There will be no limit on registrations this year.**

Please complete and mail this registration form along with your check to the address at bottom of flyer

How Many AA/Al-anon? \_\_\_\_\_ x 15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

All above registration to be held in the name of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to: Simply AA, Box 74, Pratt, Ks. 67124

Call for info: Jimmy Jack B. 620-672-8153 Steve P. 620-635-5679



**CALDWELL 12 STEPS  
RECOVERY CENTER'S  
2ND ANNIVERSARY**

At  
Caldwell City Park Community Building  
on West Central  
September 11, 2016

Starting at 3pm with AA Speaker  
Rhonda H from Scott City, KS.

Dinner at 4:30pm

Please bring side dishes, salads, and desert.  
Coffee, tea, meat and service will be provided

5:30pm AA Speaker  
Mike H. from Scott City, KS

Kansas Area 25 Committee Meeting  
 October 2016  
 Agenda

Our Spiritual Way of Life Steps, Traditions and Concepts”  
 Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, Ks. (785) 825-2111

Friday, October 14th, 2016

(Optional Travel Day)

Saturday, October 15th, 2016

8:30 – 9:30 am	KAAAAI Board Meeting		Dukes Room
9:45 – 10:15 am	2016 State Conference Update		
10:30 – 11:30 am	Committee Meetings		
	<u>Committee</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chair</u>
	Chronicler	1, 4, 15	Rosa M.
	Corrections	9, 12, 20	Lenny E.
	Cooperation w/Professional Community	14, 16, 31	Galen E.
	Grapefree Press	10, 23	Remi K.
	Grapevine	5, 18, 27	Tom L.
	Literature	3, 24, 26	Pat W.
	Public Information	11, 21, 30	Jeff D.
	Registrar	2, 19	Nancy B.
	Special Needs	6, 7	Anissa P.
	Treatment	13, 22	Janet B.
	Web	8, 17	Chris H.
11:30 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Board Inventory		Mike R. Dukes Room
3:15– 6:15 pm	<u>Business Meeting</u>		Dukes Room
	Opening Meeting		Sheri P.
	Secretary Report		Ed M.
	Treasurers Report		Ken S.
	KAAAAI Board Report		Mike R.
	2016 State Conference Report		Joe C.
	Delegate Report		Sue N.
	Alt. Delegate Report		Dave R.
	Alt. Chair		Jon R.
	Al-Anon Liason		Dawn D.
	Chronicler		Rosa M.
	Corrections		Lenny E.
	Cooperation w/Professional Community		Galen E.
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Kansas Area 25 Committee Meeting  
October 2016  
Agenda

Special Needs	Anissa P.
Treatment	Janet B.
Web	Chris H.
District Committee Members	DCM's

Old Business: Ad Hoc Report(s)

New Business:

1. General Sharing Session

Close Committee Meeting

**Upcoming Events - 2017**

Assembly: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Area Committee Meetings: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Assembly: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>

Area Committee Meetings: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>